

SENATE RESOLUTION 85

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Savannah Blaylock as a recipient of the 2014 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize those estimable citizens of this State, both young and old, who consistently demonstrate a personal commitment to improve the lives and well being of others; and

WHEREAS, Savannah Blaylock, a resident of Rockvale and a student at Central Magnet School, has achieved national recognition for her exemplary volunteer service, garnering a 2014 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blaylock earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy to the co-founding of a project entitled "\$18,000 for 18,000" to honor the 18,000 children who die each year of hunger; and

WHEREAS, in the course of this project, Ms. Blaylock and her co-founder designed and sold T-shirts, wristbands, and concessions, and hosted lock-ins to support the cause and donated over \$22,000 to Heifer International and an orphanage in Africa, all in less than eight months' time; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Ms. Savannah Blaylock who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting that this legislative body give recognition to and express gratitude for the vitality, altruism, and tremendous determination of young Tennesseans such as Ms. Blaylock, who truly are shining stars on the horizon of our State's future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate 2014 Prudential Spirit of Community Award recipient Savannah Blaylock, recognize her outstanding volunteerism in her community, and wish her every success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.